

REMARKS

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 17, 18, 20, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner also states that claims 4, 5, 17, 18, 24 and 25 contradict independent claims 1, 10, and 20. Claims 4, 5, 17, 18, 24 and 25 have been canceled.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 through 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Webb, U.S. Patent No. 6,542,371, hereinafter referred to as "Webb."

Applicants submit, herewith, a declaration of prior invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to overcome Webb. The declaration shows the invention as claimed in the above identified application had been conceived prior to the November 2, 2000 priority date of Webb.

As such, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3 through 28 are not anticipated by Web, and further are patentable over Web.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, all rejections have been overcome. All pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of: Ghosh)
Application No.: 09/751,261)
Filed: 12/29/2000)
For: THERMAL INTERFACE MEDIUM)

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Examiner: Jennifer A. Boyd
Art Unit: 1771

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Prosenjit Ghosh, declare that:

1. I am the inventor of claims 1-28 of the above identified patent application.
2. Prior to November 2, 2000, I conceived of the idea of a thermal interface of thermally conductive malleable fibers arranged in a pattern, as described and claimed in my application.
3. An Invention Disclosure prepared sometime prior to July 31 2000(copy attached hereto as Exhibit A), which describes an embodiment of the invention, was submitted for my employer's consideration sometime prior to July 31 2000. The

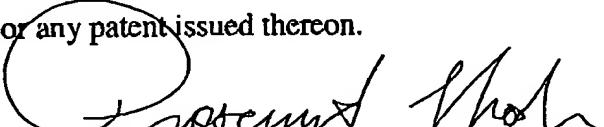
Invention Disclosure clearly describes the invention as I have claimed and described the invention in the current pending patent application.

4. Sometime thereafter, I had a discussion with our patent attorney to discuss the invention of the above identified patent application, as part of our continuous effort in preparing a draft of the above identified patent application.

5. Sometime thereafter, I received and reviewed the draft of the patent application, and approved the draft for filing with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). 6. I believe the above-identified patent application was filed thereafter with the PTO on December 29, 2000.

7. I declare, to the best of my knowledge, all statements made in this document are true, and that all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 29 Mar, 2004


Prosenjit Ghosh